Approved For Release 2002/08/28 : CIA-RDP63-00313A000600120022-9 14 000411800 **NRO REVIEW COMPLETED** TOP SECRET COR-0347 Copy 5 25X1 19 February 1959 MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence : Deputy Director, (Plans) HUNNAMEL : Visit of Deputy Director of Contral Intelligence JUBJECT and Party to Vandenberg Air Force Bene 1. This memorandum is for information only. 2. The first shot in the DIRCOVERER program will be launched from Vandemberg Air Force Base on 25 February 1959. This launch is a purely engineering shot and will not contain a COROMA payload. The CORONA payload is being assembled at Palo Alto, California and will transported to Vandamberg Air Force Base prior to a COROMA shot. At that time it will be taken directly to the payload assembly building in the Lockheed eres. This building will be used by CORCHA psyload technicians identified as Lockheed Advanced Engineering Personnel and the Bio-medical personnel. Each group will occupy one-half of the building. The Advanced Engineering section of the building should be smalled as presence of personalities connected with intelligence might imply that the Advanced Engineering section is interested in recommissance. 3. Following is a list of COROGA cleared key personsel in the organization indicated that may be in contact with the visiting Agency party. Root Col. Fredrick Oder Col. Herry L. Evens Gen. Thomas D. White SPACE TECH. LAB Gen. Curtis E. Lensy Mr. Allen Frencis Donoven Hr. Richard E. Horner SAC Gen. Borace H. Hade

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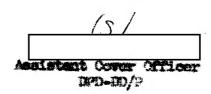
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It should be noted that some of the numbers of the Agency party are not COROMA cleaned.

A. Extreme press interest will be shown in this particular lammed since it is the first lammed from Vandamberg Air Porce Same. Although the entire DESCOVERER series is to be known as an R & D effort, the press has speculated as to a possible common corrying capability in later lammedee. An example of this speculation is found in the following quote from the 16 February edition of Arietics Jack:

Except for changes in payload makeup, Discoverer is essentially the same as UNAF's MS-117L Sentry recommissions satallite....

The above quotation and others clearly indicate that the press has not entirely accepted the R & D story and is looking for evidence of a recommissance espeblity. For this reason may personalities connected with intelligence collection, especially photographic intelligence collection, must be extremely careful that their mere presence at the lamenh site is not interpreted as a confirmation of the speculation about the recommissance capability of later DISCOVERES periods.



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